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REMARKS

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1. Between 23 May and 4 June 1954, air activity was observed at Koethen airfield. Noteworthy were dives by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s on the morning of 4 June from an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 meters at undetermined targets. On the other days, local and high-altitude flights were made. On 29 May, MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s made cross-country flights and quickly disappeared from sight. 25X1

1 A radio truck, an equipment truck and one or several tank trucks were usually parked at the take-off point. The previously reported radio truck with umbrella-shaped antenna was seen between the aircraft revetments. This set repeatedly changed its location. A second umbrella-shaped antenna was observed near the hangars.² 25X1

2. Between 1200 and 1700 on 24 May, no air activity was observed at the field. On 27, 28 and 29 May, high-altitude flights were made by elements of twos. On 2 June, about 25 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. Some motor vehicles and a radio truck with an antenna mast, about 10 meters high, were parked at the take-off point.¹ Another radio installation with a radio truck parked next to it were seen between the revetments in front of the hangars. On 24 May and 2 June, 1 and 5 x 37-mm AA guns respectively were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the south-eastern corner of the field. On 2 June, there was no Token-type radar set any longer observed on Petersberg about 15 km south of the field. There was only a mast, about 20 meters high, which had an obstacle light.² On 9 June, night flying was conducted by elements of two aircraft each.

1. Comment. It is believed that Koethen airfield is still occupied by about 28 MiG-15s. 25X1

2. Comment. Same source previously reported the presence of two radio trucks with umbrella-shaped antennas whose purpose has not been identified. It is believed that 1 Spiferest-type radar set, 1 Fishnet-type set, and 1 Token-type set are located at Koethen airfield. The latter set has apparently changed its location several times. 25X1

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